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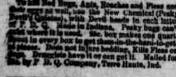
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Judge Santord for drunkenness and
had his sentence suspended, largely
on account of his age, which must be
nearly eighty years, in an effort to brace up his reputation for truth and versacity remarked to one of the court officers: "I always means and intends to tell de troof, I does, even if I has to lie a little to do it."-Berkshire

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## GERMANS LOSE THE INITIATIVE IN SECOND YEAR OF GREAT WAR

Co-Operation Among the Entente Allies Brings Sweeping Change Over the Aspect of Military Affairs-Two Largest Empires of Earth, Russia and Great Britain, at Last Fully Organized - Second Year's

Campaigns Reviewed.

New York.—Germany is on the defensive. The initiative has passed to they lacked in the great retreat, but the entente allies. This is the one that their losses in numbers bother great outstanding fact of the second them not at all. year of the great war.

ful battering-ram of shells and hu- utilized at the front.

But with the present summer a

pect of military affairs.

Co-operating through the ailles' war council with Gen. Joseph Joffre at its french ammunition and men until no head, the Italians beat back the Austrian columns in the Trentino, the Russians drove the Teutons before them in the East with horrible detections and the Patitish and French ammunition and men until no allied offensive would be possible this year.

Being on the outside of a curved line they were able to place more guns and struction and the British and French began a slow and methodical bending of the long established lines in the West. At Last Fully Organized.

These are the movements which are still going on as the war enters its third, and according to Lord Kitch-ener's Delphic prediction, final year. Whether the kalser will retrieve himself, again seize the initiative and enter on new campaigns of conquest cannot be foretold. One thing is certain, the two largest empires of the earth, Russia and Great Britain, are at last fully organized for war against him.

On the first anniversary of the war, August 1, 1915, the Austro-German sweep of Poland was in full swing. Lublin fell that day; Choim, August 2; Warsaw, August 6; Ivangorod, Au-gust 7; Serock, August 9; Lomza, August 11; Siedice and Sokolow, August 14; Kovno, August 19; Novogeor-glevsk, August 21; Ossowiec, August 24; Kovel, August 25; Brest-Litovsk, August 27; Ollta, August 28; Lutsk September 2; Brody, September 3; Grodno, September 4; Dubno, September 16; Pinsk, September 17, and Vilna, September 20.

It seemed to neutral observers nothing could stop the Teutons in the East, and it was generally believed the invaders had themselves chosen the line extending from just west of Riga, nearly straight south, to Roumania on which they spent the win-

Russia Seemed Beaten.

Even when, on September 8, the exar took command of all his armies in person, won a victory near Tarnopol, September 10, and recaptured Lutsk September 26, and Czartorysk October 20, few believed the Russians could revive. Lutsk was soon lost again, and on October 25 the Germans tormed Illuxt. Then things settled down for the winter and almost every neutral critic thought the spring would

on October 8, the Teuton drive. the Serbian border at many points and five days later the Bulgarians, newcomers in the war, invaded from the east Fighting desperately but of the start of the great war, the di-hopelessly, the Serbians were pressed rect money cost to all the beligerents back by torrents of heavy shells to which they could not reply, and on November 29 the German general staff was able proudly to announce that the operations against Serbia had ended complete success, while Austria at the same time was finishing off Mon-

But unsuccessful as the year 1915 had been to the allies in the field. their will to conquer did not waver. At the moment early in December when the German imperial chancellor was making a clear offer of peace in a speech to the reichstag, the representatives of Germany's enemies were meeting in a new war council at Paris, resolved to redouble their herculean efforts and never compromise

Conscription in England December 21, David Lloyd George, the strongest man in England, declared Great Britain faced defeat unless greater efforts were made; and scription, threatening to resign if

The conscription bill passed its first reading in the house of commons January 6, and spring saw it in full force Premier Asquith was able to announce that England's total effort was five

million men.

Meanwhile in the East, a greater giant was nursing his wounds and re-gaining his strength in four-fold de-

A forewarning came to the world or February 17, when Erserum was ta-ken. On April 19 the great Black sea port of Trebizond fell, and two days later the first Russian contingent landed in France. Still the German writers would not believe, and it took the magnificent Rumian drive of June, which won all of Bukowina and a large siles of Volhynia and Gallein to convince them that Russia was again a force to be reckoned with. Russia Well Equipped. To understand this phenomenon of

Seven million young men have come Before, she aimed a blow where she pleased and the allies parried it as best they might. She seized most of Beigium and a seventh of France Twice she overwhelmed the Russians there are more soldiers and potential soldiers in Pressis today than when the who had penetrated East Prussia.

She smashed her way far into the czar's dominions and crushed Serbia and Montenegro. She directed a fear all the "cannon fodder" that can be

Erroneously considering the western front the most dangerous, the German sweeping change came over the as general staff on February 21 began a

maneuver more freely than their opponents, and month after month they drew closer to the now famous little city.

Whether their gains were victories or defeats will only be known after the war, when we learn the number of killed and wounded they paid for each point. They advanced, but were never able to stampede the defenders

Perhaps Verdun will be the last great German offensive. Certainly today the Teutons have their hands full stemming the Russian advance, which is penetratng Transylvania, and the Anglo-French pounding attack along the Somme.

Austria on Defensive.

The Austrians, who in the latter half of May debouched from the Trentino and almost gained the foothills and smiling plains of Italy, are also content to stand and ward off the blows of the Italians, after giving up most of their gains.

The year saw the Germans lose their Cameroon colony in January, while columns of Belgians, French and British close in on the stout defenders of the East African colony, the last of the kaiser's oversea possessions. In Mesopotamia the British, pene-

trating to within seven miles of Bagdad, were defeated and forced to retreat, being finally besieged in Kut-el-Amara on December 10. A relieving expedition was unsuccessful and on

April 80 the garrison capitulated. On April 25, Sir Roger Casement was captured attempting to land from a German submarine on the Irish coast. The next day the Sinn Fein society revolted, seized Dublin and set up a provisional republic. The re-bellion was quelled in less than a

On June 8 the German and British fleets engaged in a great battle off Skaggerrak. Although the Germans claimed a victory, they have not yet followed it up by coming out to deal another blow at the blockading vessels. The reports of losses by the two sides are impossible to harmonize. War Costs Fifty-Five Billion.

On August 1, the second anniversary reached \$55,000,000,000.

This is the consensus of financial opinion here. Estimates six months ago were slightly lower, but the daily cost has mounted steadily and the figures given are considered conserva-

The direct cost does not include the losses by destruction of property, by the disorganization of civilian indus try, by the death and crippling of

workers and by enervating human sickness and misery.

The money spent is apportioned approximately as follows:

Breat Britain (including colonies) .....\$13,000,000,000 Belgium (mostly ad-vanced by allies) .... France ..... Russia ..... 11,500,000,000 Berbia ..... Italy ..... 2,500,000,000 Montenegro .....

Germany .......\$12,000,000,000 Austria-Hungary ..... 6,000,000,000 Bulgaria ..... Turkey ......

Total, central powers. \$18,750,000,000 

\$110,000,000 a Day.

The war is now costing all beligerents more than \$110,000,000 a day. This is divided among the principal nations as follows: Great Britain, \$30,000,000 (official figures); France, \$17,000,000; Russin, \$18,000,000; Italy, \$8,500,000; my, \$23,000,000, and Austro-Hungary, \$12,000,000, the lesser powers making up the balance.

Great Britain is the only power which is paying part of the capital cont of the war out of current income. Gerof the war out of current theorie. Germany is compounding her debt by not taking in taxes enough to cover all her interest charges.

## Budweiserand Other Foods

There's food value in beer—as well as beverage enjoyment. A bottle of Budweiser may not be offered as a complete meal—but it has its place in the meal comparable to bread, milk or any other of the dishes or drinks that are part of the well-balanced lunch or dinner.

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Here are Two Little Charts

that show graphically and in figures comparisons be-tween beer and other beverages and beer and other foods:

Comporation Nutri- bout Butract Content		Comparative Alcohol Content				
	Whisky					
	Ahise Wine					
	Beer					
	Milh					

Average Composition of	Bread	Milk	Beer	Rhine Wine	Whisky
Carbohydrates	52.0%	4.8%	5.0%	2,25%	none
Protein	7.0%	3.5%	0.5%	none	none
Pat	0.40%	3.7%	none	none	mone
Mineral Substances	1.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%	none
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The financial situation of both side is fairly good. The same cannot be said for the economic situation. Ger-many and her allies are plainly in distress in many ways. Few or none have died of actual hunger, but the vitality of many noncombatants is lowered by lack of proper food. There is a great scarcity of rubber, copper, high grade iron, material for warm clothing and an almost absolute inch of strictly ex-

In Great Britain the common pe have never been so prosperous, cost of living has advanced by more than half, but wages have increased still more and the demand for labor, both by the government and by private enterprises is insatiable.

Neutrals Wax Fat.

France, too, has largely recovered from the financial shock, though activity is not on such a great scale as in England. In Russia private business is not good, but owing to the suppression of vodka, the mujik, is happier today and is saving several times as much money as ever before,

Italy is suffering from a dearth of coal, which has closed most of her fac-

Some of the neutral countries of Europe, especially Denmark, Sweden and Norway are becoming opulent from war business. In Holland the upper classes have made money, while there have recently been food riots by the lower

by both sides to the quarrel, German demanding to be allowed to purch and export goods freely from Swiss towns and the allies threatening to withhold food and other supplies if Germany is provisioned by her m

ain neighbor, Japan, the United States, Cuba and some of the South American countries were never so prosperous before in their history, due to the stimulus of war orders, which has galvanized domestic business as well.

Gnata Cause Fire Alarm. Janesville, Wis.—An alarm of fire Janesville, Wis.—An alarm of fire the other evening brought two com-panies of the department to the First Congregational church. An excited in-dividual "flagged" down the equip-ment and pointed to the steeple with the information that the blaze was in-side it. Investigation showed a great dense swarm of gnats about the spire. This was the "smoke." It is Summertime in

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